To hear a hand upon the gate,
And well-known footsteps at the door! Some list for feet that, still and cold, No more the paths of life may tread,! And miss the strong arms' loving fold, The tender words so often said. Alas for such ! the desolate,

Who half expectant, as of yore, Still chide the foolish hearts that wait

To hear the footsteps at the door ! Still pass the thronging myriads by, Nor heed the mourners, watching I The babes who for the father cry, The wives whose light of life is gone And some their sadder vigils keep
For living lost ones, mourning sore,
And listening fear, and waiting weep,
And dread their footsteps at the door!

—Hearth and Home

THE DIFFERENCE.

MEN loose their ships the eager things,

To try their luck at sea,
But none can tell by note or count,
How many there may be.
One turneth East, another South— They never come again, And then we know they must have sunk,

God sends his happy birds abroad— "They to less than ships," say we; No moment passes bu: He knows
How many there should be.
One buildeth high, another low,
With just a bird's light care—

If only one, perchance, doth fall, God knoweth when and where

MISCELLANEOUS.

TOM SOPER'S WILL

"WHAT induced him to do it?" was the

was this:fession, had established himself, many years ago, in the little town of Cogswell, under the patronage of old Lady Dudgeon, who was a distant cousin of his; and, being a man of agreeable manners, he became so great a favorite with that lady that, not only was the management of all her affairs placed in his hands but it was a cream of triumph the wind caught it, and whisked it off into the darkness, and there he sat, bareheaded to the beating of the pitiless rain. There was no help for it, that he knew at once, for the hat must be miles away by this time, so he tied his handkerchief over his head, though it was very soon wet through, and drove Mr. Tom Soper, an attorney by prehappy present as well; and, in seeking that happiness, which with him assumed portion of her income found its way into disadopted, and sent about his business; he had killed the goose that laid the whip his horse, and keep him in as straight golden eggs, and went about declaring a line as possible that it had only died to spite him, that any reasonable bird would have lived through the operation, and been al! the better for it-a little gentle bleeding for the good of its health. Lady Dudgeon, however, refused to look upon it in that light, and forthwith installed another distant cousin, a young lady this time, in the possession of first favorite. People said that Mr. Soper's ingratitude had broken Lady Dudgeon's heart and hastened her death; but, as she horse." And, with a lash of his whip, the matter, though how the facts came to survived that little episode some ten years, away he went again, splashing through be known-whether they were divulged and was eighty-eight years when she did the mud. die, perhaps old age had as much to do

with it as anything else. Mr. Soper, on receiving the melancholy tidings, put on his hat and went up to the house of mourning; for, said he, notwithstanding certain unpleasant misunderstandings that had arisen between him and the deceased, he had ever regarded her with unlimited affection, and all differences were forgotten in the grave; and moreover, as next of kin, it was his melancholy privilege to take the management of affairs into his own hands. This claim of being next of kin startled everybody, but nevertheless was a just claim; Lady Dudgeon had outlived all her nearer relatives, and no one had given a thought to the matter except the party most interested-and that he was interested to a very great extent was soon proved by the dishelp for it, so home she went, and became in due time a governess.

As inheritor of Lady Dudgeon's wealth, Mr. Soper retired from business and became a popular man-popular from mere dint of money; he spent profusely, built schools, erected a pump, gave a stained glass window to the church, and Christmas dinners to the poor, and, what was ger-and there I mean to remain until I of the falling snow? Surely imagination chief seemed to be lurking in each of the more than all, he founded a literary and scientific institution, which was to do wonders in the way of elevating the

All this, you will understand, is by way of introduction, simply necessary for the understanding of what shall follow. It had been determined to open the in-

there were to be mineralogical specimens, and other wonders of a like nature; telescopes, microscopes, stethescopes—that is to say, stereoscopes; and the proceedings am an old man, and very repentant." Cogswellian enlightenment-was the pro- innocent girl, eh?" Everybody considered him very affable if you'll leave off haunting me." for a man of learning, and he had the pleasantest way of imparting knowledge Rubbish!" that you can imagine.

"Now," he began abruptly, "you no doubt often think you have destroyed

Mr. Soper was sitting in the very center of the first row of cane-bottom chairs, and | great fear. on him the professor fixed his sharp eyes

in his chair-"you put it on the fire, we to live?"-he was more frightened now will say, it burns, and then-it is de- than ever. stroved? No such thing!"

gentlemen, that it is simply altered, not If you had not burnt the will, you would destroyed; it was once paper, now it is so not have had the money, you would not much tinder, so much vapor. You will have built the literary and scientific instiunderstand, before I have finished my ad- tution; and if you had not built the litedress, that what once has been, always will | rary and scientific institution, you would be; and that what is, always has been not have been here to-night; and if you under some shape or other. Perhaps at | had not been here to-night you would not the present moment "-here he took a sip have got wet through; and if you had not of water-"I am imbibing a portion of a got wet through, you would not have-

love letter written one hundred years ahem! Mr. Soper allowed the professor to conclude his discourse without further interruption, leaning back in his chair thoughtknowledge. He complained of not being make your will at once-the very first very well; and when the first part of the thing to-morrow morning." entertainment—the scientific part—came to a close, and the dancing and feasting was about to begin, he excused himself was about to begin was about to be abou from further attendance. He was an old man; he has sixteen children already, and taxes, \$4,365,883.24. man now, he said, and would leave that | will be very glad of the money.' sort of thing to the young people; so he went round to the bar of the "Black leave the rest to Fanny Champion. Lion," and ordered them to put his horse | "No such thing! Leave half to Fanny, to, while he fortified himself with a strong and the other half to Jerry Simpson." glass of brandy and water, the night being "Jerry Simpson! and what has he a particularly nasty one; and on the top | done?" of that he had another glass, still stronger, "When Fanny was living with the old til summoned as a juror. More than that, wife and a little family in Jamaica, and do such emissions that the elder Pliny and

tling down the street.

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evidently means to make a night of it, spoken out, and they have got themselves and yet was not of that steady description | engaged to one another, but cannot marry that may be circumvented by an umbrella, just yet, for want of means. Now, if you or a particular inclination of the body. leave all the money to Fanny, Jerry's No: it was in league with the wind, which spirit will be up in arms again, and no one tic asylums let loose, and blown hither and it between them, and it will make things house, situated in a fashionable suburb of a large city, and it was answered by the was no guarding against; and then the

horse, instead of running straight ahead, as a horse should do in the experienced hands of Mr. Soper, insisted on a zig-zag course, as though with the idea that if he could but make a flank march, he would get behind the wind and be all right.
There! it was decided at last. It had been a matter of contention, all along, be-tween Mr. Soper and the wind, as to which should have his hat; he naturally

thought that he had a right to his own property, but the wind seemed to be of a ifferent mind, and the wind got its way. Mr. Soper had put down his whip, and had been his; but the wind was not to be baffled like that; it made a feigned attack on the apron, which was well buttoned down, and would have resisted all efforts "Heaven knows!" was the answer.
But the long and short of the matter was this:—

at dislodgment, but Mr. Soper, forgetting this, fell into the snare, and left his hat unguarded for a moment; only for one moment, but that was enough. With

that, not only was the management of all her affairs placed in his hands, but it was generally supposed that she had, in a manner, adopted him—he being an unfortunate orphan, of about five and intended to endow him with all her worldly possessions, when she should require them no longer herself. But Mr. Tom

The far affairs placed in his hands, but it was generally supposed that she had, in a manner, adopted him—he being an unfortunate orphan, of about five and through the handkerchief, and into his eyes, so that her worldly possessions, when she should require them no longer herself. But Mr. Tom

The handkerchief over his head, though it was generally supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that she had, in a more than a speaking acquaintance; so the camely supposed that the camel; but there has the camely supposed that the camel; but there has the camely supposed that the camely suppose Soper was an ambitious man, he was an impatient man, and was not content to look head, as it went on its voyage of discovery into the inner cavities of his ear—and all this time that brute of a horse was dodging, first on one side and then on the other, the shape of money, he permitted himself and the very hedgerows, as well as he so to manage his relative's affairs, that a portion of her income found its were into his own purse. Lady Dudgeon dis- setting to one another in a ghostly fashion; covered these proceedings, and there was a hot quarrel. Mr. Soper was forthwith disadopted, and sent about his business:

But the only thing to be done was to

> "Tom Soper!" He pulled up suddenly, all in a tremble, and looked over his shoulder, expecting to find some one in the spare seat of his gig, for the voice that called him seemed close to his ear, but no one was there; and then he peered into the darkness right and left, and then, with an angry shake of his shoulders, muttered, "Bah! 'twas only fancy. What a fool I am! Get on, old

"Tom Soper!" though he turned round very sharply, he held down by the handkerchief.

"Who's that?" said he. "You can't see me," said the mysterious voice, "so it's no use looking." "Who are you?" asked Tom Soper. "The Ghost of the Last Will and Testa-

ment of Lady Dudgeon.' "Good Lord!" exclaimed the unhappy understand, when he looked around. "Yes, Tom, 'tis all true what the pro-

fessor said; you can't destroy anything. You thought you had destroyed me, didn't covery there was no will. No, poor little | watched the smoke go curling up the | to play idly with those curls that escape and go home again; and after ten years of only killed me. My body, the black cinwith your hand those little white taper of here which lie so temptingly.

She was told nothing, and consequently expectation and seclusion with old Lady der, was buried in the dust bin; my spirit, fingers of hers, which lie so temptingly Dudgeon this was hard; but there was no that smoke that you watched, went up the within reach, and talk softly and low

"Shall you be long evaporizing, sir?" asked Tom, humbly.

the masses, there was no foretelling to you see. But don't you make any mis- grew into this present soul, quickening it, very gracefully, and Emma had on a most what a height they might be exalted; it was only to be hoped that the Cogswellians would not get a severe fall through I can run up—or, I should say, run down of the masses, there was no foretelling to you see. But don't you make any mistake any mistake, you have not got rid of me when I can run up—or, I should say, run down of the masses, there was no foretelling to you see. But don't you make any mistake and this present soul, quickening it, based the adoption of the theory that the human subject is born with certain materials in his blood or tissues, which the poisons of the money, alleging that it was was Ned Collins, with his fine face fairly terprises were being pushed to compleans would not get a severe fall through I can run up-or, I should say, run down rainbow, a stop of all such noisome things -Golden Era. home. I mean to haunt you, Tom."

professor brought expressly from London; I'll take lodgings in your other ear for poor fellow, dies—never mind; that had been strained by the heavy ramblings abroad."

were to conclude with a ball and concert "Ah Tom, Tom! how could you do busy with all her fairness. How it makes Some of the passengers were advised of in the great room of the Black Lion, adjoining the institution; and, save that the weather was as bad as bad could be, the affair was as successful as could be desired. | codicil. How could you find it in your shoulder, touch your speedily lowered, and into it escaped the

fessor's address. He was a little, quick man, who, with the aid of a glass of water, undertook to discourse for half an little and friendless, like this? But you are not homeless, you are not homeless, you are not homeless, you are not homeless, you are not alone, she is there any bitterness to a youth alone and friendless, like this? But you are not homeless, you are not alone, she is the formulation of the lowering of this boat was so badly once had an unquestioning faith in the lowering of the lowering hour on the indestructibility of matter. another literary and scientific institution "Literary and scientific institution!

"I'll leave all my money to the poor when I die." "It won't do, Tem, it won't do. | You must set the wrong right. "Give up the money?" said Tom, in

"Well, I might ask you to do that with when he spoke; naturally, perhaps, but perfect justice, and to pay interest for the Mr. Soper didn't like it. "A bit of paper, for instance," said the for a reason best known to myself." professor-and Mr. Soper began to fidget "You don't mean that I have not long

"Never mind what I mean," said the "What do you mean?" said Mr. Soper. voice; "only when people have come to "I mean, my dear sir, I mean, ladies and | your age they shouldn't get wet through.

"What shall I do! oh, what shall I do! said Tom, "I am so very sorry. "You must do this," said the ghost, "and I must make haste and tell you, for fully, and paying no heed to the words of I am evaporizing very fast. You must

"Yes, yes," said Tom ; "I'll do that, and

and then, pulling his coat well up about his ears, and his hat well down over his nose, he got into his gig, and went ratsay anything to her, as she was then many years.

There was no mistake about the rain; looked upon as an heiress. But, since the was that dogged, downright rain that altered state of circumstances, Jerry has leave all the money to Fanny, Jerry's as howling with the force of forty luna- can say what will follow; but you leave story of a pretty, comfortably-furnished

> honest to depart from the terms of the-"The burnt will? Bah! how can you talk of honesty and the burnt will in the same breath. Do as I bid you, and if you do not, so much the worse. But I can't stay, I'm going fast"—here the voice became very faint. "I'm evaporating, Tom,

Good bye, for the present." And so the voice died away. Tom Soper never knew how he got home; but the servant who opened the clapped his hand upon this coveted prop-erty, and had he kept it there the victory home in a wet bundle, in the bottom of home; but the servant who opened the door to him always declared that he got knowing smile it was. It seemed to intithe gig, perfectly insensible, and in that state he was put to bed, and a doctor sent for; and in the state he was put to bed, and a doctor sent she got aven. It seemed to intifor; and in the morning, more ominous than the dreaded tick of any death watch, came a lawyer; and Tom Soper made his

will, and such reparation as lay in his

power for the wrong he had done. In less than a fortnight that will had to be read, and people declared that it was the most incomprehensible will that was husband, in the fourth story. ever penned; for, as to Miss Champion, it "No you don't!" this dreadful man was known that Tom Soper had had what amounted to almost an aversion for her; into a most excrutiating little fit of laugh-Jerry Simpson, who was then up in Lon-ter. don, being turned into an architect, was with any of the local charities, declared oiled the lock, then put it together again, gives a graphic account of a disease closeflatly that the five hundred pounds had burnished it up, and made it fit for use. evidently been intended as a charitable evidently been intended as a charitable trust fund, and even went so far as to trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund, and even went so far as to examined the joints, unwound the line trust fund. The properties are trusted to examine the bution; but the clergyman happening to his artificial flies, made two new ones from was compelled to raise the siege of Mecca property, which they divided among them differ from them in toto, kept the money a peacock's feather, introduced a malicious by a pestilence very like small-pox, which for his own use and benefit; and so the looking hook into the body of a make-be- created a terrible mortality. The first literary and scientific institution, which it lieve frog, and placed his tackle all ready had been in contemplation to call "The for use at a moment's warning. George Soper Lyceum of Science," came to a was a great sportsman. speedy end for want of funds, and the building stands desolate and untenanted-(there is talk of turning it into a lunatic) asylum, but the Black Lion has petitioned | And then George began to wonder what against it) -even unto the present day-a had become of his wife

Every one said it was the most incom- would go and see what she was about. On and Saracens, during the crusades, in the prehensible will ever penned; and so one each landing he called out, "Emma." half of Cogswell asked, "What induced him to do it?" and the other half anabove may be taken as a true statement of basement. by Mr. Soper himself, or whether the ghost of the last will and testament paid There was no mistake this time, yet, a second visit to earth and told the story Rushing toward her, he proceeded to shake the introduction of vaccination. As late -must remain a profound secret. All her, for the obvious reason of finding out as 1720, 20,000 persons died of small- out apparent pain. could see no one; and then his hair fairly | that it is necessary to say is, Jerry Simp- | what was the matter. stood on end, except that portion that was son and Fanny Champion were married.

The Charms of Married Life.

your feet he upon, but the one beside you, man, and sat plump down on the wet girl, with a pretty little foot lying out go for the doctor. Cheer up, darling. I cushion; for he had stood up, you must upon the hearth, a bit of lace running shall be back with him in less than an cushion; for he had stood up, you must upon the hearth, a bit of lace running round the swelling throat, the hair parted to a charm over a foreheod fair as any of your dreams; and if you could reach an arm around that chair's back without fear about it,-and don't you! you, when you threw me on the fire, and of giving offense, and suffer your fingers chimney and joined the clouds. Rather in the presence of the blaze, while the mixed company up there, Tom, I can as- hours slip without knowledge and the sure you-all sorts of low forgeries and winter winds whistle uncared for; if, in lies-so that I am glad to get down again; short, you were no bachelor, but the husand now, at this present moment, Tom, I | band of some sweet image, would it not am snugly ensconced, in the shape of a be far more pleasant than a cold, single law, the doctor. drop of water, in your right ear-no! it's | night, sitting counting the sticks, reckonno use, you can't get at me with your fin- | ing the length of the blaze, and the height | have the playful fancies of dawning womanhood to delight it. All toil would be said; "I was only fooling masses; and as to those who were not of "Yes, some time! I am such a big drop, torn from mind labor if but another heart And George acknowledged the corn -whenever I like, and find myself at as we lonely souls call trouble. Her smiles would illumine the blackest of crowded "Good Lord!" said Tom, for the second | cares, and darkness that now seats you time, "was ever man haunted with the despondent in your solitary chair for days the 77th of November, when the British ghost of a last will and testament be- together, weaving bitter fancies, dreaming steamer Twinkling Star was about 50 miles

one, is dead-buried. The worms are either side, below the water-mark. -rosy, fair-haired; no, they do not disturb selves from the steamer. you with their prattle now-they are snow-drops, the violets, if so be any are the scene when the firemen forsook the of its species, standing alone, in a scene of large amounts of money upon them. there; the perfume of these healthful lips is worth all the flowers in the world. No need to gather wild bouquets to love and took leave of his senses, was perfectly mountains, the whole area of which is time you have had it; but I won't do that cherish; flowers, tree, gun, are all dead hellish. things; things livelier hold your soul. with tenderest jealousy, and cures itself with loving. You have no need of a cold lecture to teach thankfulness; your heart is full of it. No need now, as once, of

> ble-thank-offerings. \$111,745,924.24; personal property, \$100,- if you but do your duty." Then, turning elers have found a great number of dead 105,600.51 — total, \$212,205,339.01; on to the captain, he said: which the taxes were : State tax, \$2,308,- "You, captair, you've lost your head, tigers, rhinoceroses, squirrels, birds, and 203.45; county taxes, \$3,585,601.07, For and allowed these cowardly fellows—these snakes. The soft parts of the animals, as 1868 the assessed value was: real estate, lazy land-lubbers, who call themselves the skin, and muscles, and hair, and

bloom, and ever beside you there is fruit,

for which eye, heart and soul are full of

unknown, unspoken-because unspeaka-

cently impaneled to try an important places, and do your duty, and if we are cause of death in this case is very obvious, murder case. One of the men selected to die, let us die like brave men, and not as there are many crevices and openings was nearly 40 years of age, had lived as cowards! I am but a young man yet, within thirty miles of Watertown nearly and do you think I am going unnecessarily to risk my life? And I have a young emitted in great quantities. It was by

Only Fooling.

SCENE I. "EMMA, darling !" "What is it, George?" "Just come here a moment."

The first call was made from the fourth caller's wife, who was in the basement. "I will! I will! But would it be

After a lapse of about twenty seconds she stood before him. "What do you want, dear?" she in-"Nothing," he replied; "I was only fooling!"

George and Emma had been married was valued at £12,000. The life-boat got or I'd stay with a great deal of pleasure. Good bye, and mind you do as I bid you. about six weeks. Their honeymoon bid into port a few hours after the steamer.—
fair to have a length ened duration. So Cor. of New York World. the young wife, only just a little bit teased, and out of breath with her rapid run up stairs, quickly went back again to the base

> SCENE III "George, dear!"

"Well, my love !" "Please come down here a moment!" This time the call was made from the basement, and was answered by the caller's

SCENE V. All this took very nearly two hours. in tracing its progress from time to time, melancholy monument of the vanity of It was very rare indeed for him to be left so long alone. So he thought he nations; as in the conquests of the Arabs

No answer. But, when standing listening on the first swered, "Heaven knows!" But the floor, he thought he heard a sob in the Down he went,

"Pray, don't move me," she said, "I cruel of you not to come when I called you." (Here another sigh and sob.) Is in that chair yonder—not the one my little joke. Keep quite still, dear. (Here the servant came in.) "Mary, just

"Good gracious!" he said, "I thought you were only trying to pay me out for closer yet-were seated a sweet-faced do what you can for your mistress. I'll " Yes, do! there's a dear," said Emma;

but tell him not to say a word to ma The doctor was Emma's brother, and resided with her mother, hence, probably, Miss Champion had to pack up her things | chimney; but you didn't destroy me, you down the neck, and if you could clasp | she did not wish to alarm her unnecessa-

was not alarmed. George rushed off, and in about fifty

minutes a carriage dashed up to the door.

Emma met them at the door. She was smiling, and a little imp of miswould be stronger and purer if it could pretty dimples of her round, plump cheeks. "Don't be angry, Georgey dear!" she

A Hero in the Hour of Peril.

At about 9 o'clock on Saturday night,

him, for I shall be sure to meet him in my gentle clasp of her fingers, as she through which she was passing, and that ramblings abroad."

Steals behind you, telling you not to weep, large volumes of water were coming into is worth ten friends. Your sister, sweet the hold of the vessel, through which she was passing, and the large volumes of water were coming into the hold of the vessel, through cracks on process of inoculation and vaccination will be a sister, and the waving curls, as there was a rush to the life-boat. It was A particular success—as the forerunner of conscience to rob that good man and that cheek, and your wet eyes turn to meet United States Consul of this port, Mr. It is one of the curious facts in the histhose other eyes—God has sent His angel, Anton Gregg, and several others. But tory of delusions, that even scientific men homeless, you are not alone—she is there, elevated out of the water, while the stern an eminent surgeon in the service of the

stewards, the kitchens, and the captain blasted plain, surrounded by a circle of

And she, the mother, sweetest and fairest of all watching tending caresing and life-boat had left them, believed that the is to be seen within the contaminated atof all, watching, tending, caressing, and ship was ready to part and ready to foun- mosphere, and even the fishes die in the loving, till our own heart grows pained der, and just at this critical moment Mr. water." Thomas Lewis, the second engineer, and Mr. Darwin, the distinguished botanist, the only American citizen on board, see- accepted the theory as a scientific fact, ing every post deserted, and all hands fly- and, in his " Botanic Garden," exercised a ing in the jaws of death, rushed upon the little poetic license, making the miasma bursting blossoms, of trees taking leaf and deck, and, with a voice of thunder and penetrate over ten leagues square, and desgreenness, turning thought kindly and thrilling earnestness, addressed himself to troy alike the eagle in the air or the lion thankfully; forever beside you there is

"Hallo there! where are you, who call A more careful investigation of the facts yourselves Englishmen? who fly from has found the tree to be perfectly harmyour stations when there is a little bit of less, and that the destructive power is due danger, and call yourselves men, and En- alone to fumes of sulphate and carbonic glishmen? Come back here to your acid gas coming from volcanic openings THE State Controller of California replaces—I am not afraid! I'll stake my in the region. There is a famous "Valley ports that in 1867 the assessed value of life, and back all I have, that I will take of Poison," at the foot of the volcano Paproperty in that State was: Real estate, this vessel into port with perfect safety- pandaging, in Java, where scientific trav-

Then addressing Mr. Nathan, a solici-FACTS AND FIGURES. tor, who was buckling on a life-belt, said "Take that off, sir; not the slightest ne-

have foundered, and all hands been lost.

whereas the steamer was safely conducted

into one of the best harbors in the world.

Small-Pox.

BY AN EMINENT PHYSICIAN.

flees as from the presence of death.

The date of the first appearance of small-pox is doubtful. There is a tradition

in the East that it was first derived from

ly resembling small-pox, which began A.

medical writer who gave an authentic

description of the disease was Rhazes, an

Arabian physician, who wrote about 910.

From that period the pestilence has had

and estimating the extent of its ravages.

Wherever it appeared in those early pe-

angel. Whole continents were decimated,

most devoted friends, and left to die or re-

The mode of propagation of small-pox

long remained doubtful. That it could be

was early apparent, and it was soon dem-

the disease was both contagious and infec-

and clothing of the sick absorbed the

poison, and afterward gave it off when ex-

the disease. These clothes or other arti-

in the same person; when the fermenta-

process of inoculation and vaccination-

the two great preventive measures of

The Upas Tree.

covered with the skeletons of birds, beasts

on the plain.

small-pox-Hearth and Home.

cover alone.

magination.

Boston has a one cent store. cessity for any nonsense of that kind. THERE are 26,000 English troops in

You stand by me and everything will go well." And that little American citizen, A CONNECTICUT pumpkin mas been Mr. Lewis, so inspired confidence into the made into 200 pies. whole panic-stricken crew that they re-

sumed their places, and carried the steamer successfully into the harbor of St. Nicholas Mole. I am informed by Mr. In Iowa this year the State tax is two mills on the dollar. THERE are two insurance companies in Nathan, a passenger, that had it not been America to one in England. for the courage and presence of mind of FABER, the pencil maker, is said to be this second engineer the steamer must so fat that he can't walk alone.

THE circulation of the London Times is said to be only half what it was three without her cargo having been damaged to the amount of one shilling. The cargo RECORDER GURY, of Oswego, has decided that shaving on Sunday is not a "work

> A woman was murdered on Christmas Day in Boston, in a quarrel about five

THE number of bathers for 1869 in the Boston free public baths was greater by 20 per cent. than for 1868, while the cost It may safely be affirmed that there is no single disease in the long catalogue of per bath was three mills less. human pestilences that has created great-

During the past year 500 vessels have sailed from San Francisco with cargoes er havoc and been more justly dreaded than small pox—variola. Other conta-gious diseases have slain their thousands, but small-pox has slain its tens of thouvalued at \$21,000,000. Treasure shipments for the same time were \$37,000,000. sands. It has destroyed armies, raised sieges, and scattered whole tribes and communities of people. The barbarian devoutly sacrifices to its deified represen-SEVERAL boys in the Syracuse (N. Y.) station house recently requested to be committed for 100 days. They were out of work and wished to find employment and food. tation when it appears, and the Christian In Chicago during 1869 there were 9,000

births, 5,220 marriages and 6,476 deaths The number of immigrants arriving in the city during the same year was 55,000. Number of houses erected during the year

MR. THOMAS HASKELL has returned to

quarrel among themselves as to its distri- from the reel, put on a new one, looked at | birth of Mohammed, an Abyssinian army | his "heirs" by demanding a return of his long ago, supposing him to be dead. A SOUTHERN dentist thinks that one

rarely have good teeth is the free use o lard and butter. If we did not use these many historians, and we have no difficulty be as good and last as long as those of other animals. THE School of Arts at Guadalajara, It has spread most widely where there Mexico, has 400 pupils. As the students have been the largest movements among

work, it costs but nine cents a day to sup-

port each of them, of which the munici-

pality pays six and a quarter cents. The emigration of the Spaniards to America, remainder is obtained from rents of property belonging to the school. riods, it was regarded as an avenging NATHAN COKER, who is a middle-aged colored man residing in Denton, Md. and some nations were almost completely annihilated. It is estimated that 45,000,-000 of the people of Europe died of small-

unprotected tongue. This he does withpox in Paris. It did not respect rank or gundy was attacked by it, and accused her | it because his money-chest was too heavy | call. carried into effect over her tomb. In

general the sick were abandoned by their his life. was 35,696, being an increase of 3,076 over communicated by actual contact (to touch) of the sick with the well, or by contagion, onstrated that the sick infected the air of Kentucky, Minnesota, Tennessee, Iowa, in time well established, therefore, that Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, and Louisi-

THERE are about 20,000 tenement tious. It was also discovered that the bed houses in New York city, containing 700, 000 persons. No house is called a teneposed to the air, and thus communicated family is five. One block in the Sevenof the room also received the virus, and teenth Ward,'200 by 800 feet, contains 3. would give it to the next occupant. So

subtile, indeed, did the poison seem to be, and so many sickened without known A conductor on a Pennsylvania railcontact with the sick, that it came to be road, who, with a moderate salary, kept believed that the disease was communicated | fast horses, lived in a fine house, wore diaby sight and by hearing, and even by the monds, etc., was indicted by the company some time since for robbery. Thereupon More recent investigations have led to he gave up \$19,000 stolen plunder and small-pox, scartet-fever, or measles act obtained from him by threats and force. upon as yeast acts upon the dough-name-

FIFTY years ago a single church edifice | we shall see. ly, as a ferment. In this fermentation, the | would have been sufficient to contain all "It is big enough to hold a day's rations to the withdrawal from the uses of compeculiar poison multiplies itself infinite- the missionaries and all the native converts for a regiment," said Henry Colby, as Will merce, of the many millions needed for ly, and shows itself in the efflorescence or in all the mission fields of all the mission pulled out a nice white napkin. Next purposes of construction and equipment stitution with great splendor. All the neighboring gentry were to be invited; there was to be a scientific address by a professor brought expressly from London.

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Stitution with great splendor. All the neighboring gentry were to be invited; the past year splend out a fine winted in a great degree the from St. Nicholas Mole, the engineers and spread and float away, chased discovered that the iron plates about midiscovered that the original material upon which it and spread and float a way, chased discovered that the original material upon which it and spread and then in the original material upon which it and spread and then in the original material upon which it and spread and then in a great degree the form it is the original material upon which it and spread and then in a great degree the form it is the original material upon which it and it is the original material up Christian community of more than a and the boys laughed and cheered as loud-

> DANIEL SICKLES and wife, whose united have been married seventy-five years, and things; it will be such fun to see him the market to seek investment, and the have been blessed with numerous children, open it. grand-children, great-grand children, and Warren county, Pa, the county where menced tolling they were on their way There is more reason to fear that the acthey were born and have always lived. down stairs. Their numerous progeny must a heart-

THERE are at least five hundred persons | than, quick as a flash, he emptied the coal in New York who are getting rich by pre- into the box again, replaced the paper, her tears softening yours, her grief killing yours, her grief killing was submerged in the foam which left the yours; and you live again to assuage that paddle wheels; but they managed at last tree and its destructive powers in "Ponfuture. Their patrons do not come from paddle wheels; but they managed at last tree and its destructive powers in "Ponfuture. Their patrons do not come from the water, while the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was, the with the contents of the bright tin pail the water, while the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was, the water was submerged in the contents of the bright tin pail the water, while the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was, the water was submerged in the contents of the bright tin pail the water, while the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was, the water was submerged in the contents of the bright tin pail the water, while the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was, the water was submerged in the contents of the bright tin pail the water, while the water was a submerged in the foam which left the water was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was, the water was a submerged in the contents of the water was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the contents of the water was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the steril and half-filled the basket, large as it was a submerged in the steril and tending to be able to read and expound the and half-filled the basket, large as it was, kind sorrow of hers. Then these children to cut the rope, and so disentangled them to cut the rope, and so disentangled them nock's Outlines of the Globe," published to store with the workshops and tenement houses; the that aunt Sally delighted to store with the agent as no house of good standing at the close of the last century. As he majority are persons of presumed intelli- dainties for her darling's dinner. Ned No sooner had this life-boat parted from gave the account from his own observation, gence and known wealth. Some of the was in his seat almost as soon as the rest, yours. Toss away there on the greenthe ship than a panic overtook the firemen it seemed entitled to greater weight. He brightest ornaments of society are firm and all through the forenoon he looked sward: never mind the hyacinth, the and others who were left on board, and said, "I saw it myself, the sole individual believers in these soothsayers, and spend and felt as guilty as the others, as he saw

> ONE of the leading merchants of Shangtwice as much tea as any other firm in the room for dinner baskets; but instead of country, attends two churches, leads the shout the door and hall. Straight by them choir at one, is a treasurer of a missionary society, member of the Philharmonic Society, engineer of a fire company, member of a regatta association, teacher in a Sunday school, assistant editor of a newspaper, member of the Asiatic Society, and principal speaker of a debating club.

> women of that city. In a year, over 5,000 have been committed to jail there school-room. for crimes committed under the influence of strong drink. Among these unfortunates, there were 111 who had been be awful heavy.' committed more than thirty times preand 1 one hundred and twenty-one times; 2 had been committed nine times in one year. Some confined a year as incorrigibles, returned, committed upon some new offence, within a week after being discharged.

printing done in Chicago, on the 250 dif. from their hiding-place. But Joe did not perent publications issued here, as dailies, offer to taste it; he only sat there, and weeklies, or monthlies, to say nothing of looked at it with a pale face, over which be at least doubled .- Chicago Tribune.

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT

SUPPOSE!

[BY PHERE CARRY.

And wouldn't it be pleasanter To treat it as a joke:
And say you're glad " 'Twas Dolly's,
And not your head that broke!"

Because you scold and frown? And wouldn't it be nicer For you to smile than pout, And so make sunshine in the house

And wouldn't it be wiser, Than waiting like a dunce, To go to work in earnest

And learn the thing at once, To keep your temper sweet, And in your heart be thankful

You can walk upon your feet? And suppose the world don't please you,\
Nor the way some people do, Do you think the whole creation Will be altered just for you? And isn't it, my boy or girl,

Colby, "why Joe Green never comes out here to eat his dinner with the rest of us, but always sneaks off somewhere till we not be written on paper, or sent up above the clouds, in order that he may get them. He knows our thoughts before we speak all get through?"

"Guess he brings so many goodies, he is afraid we shall rob him," said another. "Pho!" said Will Brown, throwing Railroad Progress of the Country in himself back on the grass, "more likely he doesn't have anything at all. I heard my father say that the family must be badly pinched since Mr. Green was killed; and mother said she didn't pity them, for

sometimes that aren't very poor."

pox in the one hundred years preceding and drawing a red hot poker across his at his new spring suit of light gray.

aunt Sally's notions.'

there was Joe Green, busy plying his pen-cil over the problems of the algebra les-opened to business within the next two or son. It was but the work of an instantt | three years. hurry into the little clothes room, and So rapid is the extension of our railroad soon the whole group was pressing around Will Brown, as he held the mysterious West and South, as yet but partially debasket in his hand. Among them, in veloped and thinly settled, that it has crimson with shame, or something else; tion in advance of the commercial re-

ly as they dared in the school house.

The boys agreed, and the basket was panies for the purchase of their interestgreat-great-grand children, recently ap- soon filled, and the napkin placed careolied to be admitted to the poor-house in fully on the top, and before the bell com-

Ned Collins was the last to leave the room, and no sooner did the last disappear the sly looks and winks that were exchanged among them. Noon came, and there was the usual rush to the clothes-

"Hello, Ned," said Sam Merrill, "where are you going now? "Home," said Ned, laughing, "I saw aunt Sally making a chicken pie this morning and I am going home to get some." THE Liverpool people are horrified at Ask me to go, too," shouted Howard the prevalence of drunkenness among the | Colby; but just at that moment they saw

marched Ned Collins, with his pail on his

whispered Will Brown; "that coal must Joe disappeared in the school room, and viously; 3 who had been committed sixty; the curious eyes that peered through the nine times; 1 one hundred and nine times, crack of the door were soon rewarded by seeing him open his basket.

"Hope his dinner won't lie heavy on his

stomach," whispered Howard Colby. But apparently Joe only wished to get his paper to read, for he took it by the corner and pulled, but it was fast. He place." Turning again to the firemen, who stood with their bags ready to quit the ship—"Go back to your have been wide-spread. But the true space of 46% feet on each side. The aggregate area of the reading matter fur- made, and the plump white breast of a nished on this immense pile is 619,650,000 | chicken. It was a dinner fit for a king square feet, or 14,225 acres. Even this is so poor Joe thought, and so the boys far from representing the aggregate of the thought, as they peeped wonderingly

uppose, my little lady, Your doll should break her head Could you make it whole by crying Till your eyes and nose are red?

Suppose you're dressed for walking, And the rain comes pouring down, Will it clear off any sooner

h When there is none without? Suppose your task, my little man, Is very hard to get, Will it make it any easier For you to sit and fret?

Suppose that some boys have a horse, And some a coach and pair, Will it tire you less while walking To say, "It is nt fair?" And wouldn't it be nobler tle Eddy, as he came in from play one day, after the battle of Gettysburg.
"There has been a dreadful battle, my

dear, and I am anxious about papa," said A little while after that, Eddy brought some clean white paper for his mother to make him a kite. It being finished, his mother saw him, with his spelling-book The wisest, bravest plan. Whatever comes, or doesn't come, To do the best you can? and a led-pencil, writing on his kite. After dinner, in rushed Eddy, with shining eyes and glowing cheeks, ex--Children's Hour.

"I sent it, mamma! I sent it!"

"What, my dear? What have you sent? "Why, mamma, I wrote on my kite, 'Won't God please take good care of papa, and send him back to mamma and Eddy;' rection at their play; but first they must | and then I sent up my kite; and when it attend to the contents of well-filled pails got very high, I cut the string; and I

whispered, "I guess he's praying;" so they all stole away to the play-ground

without speaking another word.
"That's some of Ned Collins' work,"

said Will Brown after awhile. "It's just

"I'm glad of it any way," said Sam Merrill; "I've felt as mean all the fore-noon as if I had been robbing a hen-roost. The Greens are not to blame for only having cold potatoes to eat, and I don't wonder that Joe didn't want us fellows to

I i" I like Joe Green the best of any boy in school," said little Freddie Wilson, "and I think it was too bad to try and make fun

"Nobody asked what you thought," said Will Brown, fiercely; "wait till your opinion is called for."

The little boy looked very meek, and ate his dinner in silence, but the fact was

Will Brown began to feel uncomfortable.

"Father says Mr. Green was the bravest man in the company," said Sam Merrill, "and that he wouldn't have been killed,

only he thought of every one else before himself."

"I tell you what," said good natured

Tom Granger, "I move and second that

we are all ashamed of ourselves; all in

favor of this motion will signify it by giv-

ing three cheers for Ned Collins-there be comes this minute, brimful of chicken

The boys sprang to their feet, and swinging their caps in the air, gave three

hearty cheers for Ned Collins, and even Will Brown joined the chorus with as loud a hurrah as any of them. Sam Merrill explained the thing to Ned, and he only

said in reply, "I've often heard aunt Sally say that 'it was a poor kind of fun that must be earned by hurting somebody's feelings,' and what aunt Sally says is almost always so."—Wood's Household Maga;

Eddy's Message.

"What make's mamma cry" asked lit

"I should like to know," said Howard every one of us, and our messages need them. Let us try to make them good and pure .- The Nursery.

In reviewing the history of our national development during the year now drawing to a close, no one element of our mafolks had no business to be poor and terial progress is more noticeable than the "Well," said Sam Merrill, "I know throughout all parts of the country. At Mary Green asked my mother to have the beginning of 1869 there were 42,272 plain sewing to do; but then folks do that | miles of railroad in operation in the United States, and at the present time there are "And Joe is wearing his winter clothes at least 50,000 miles finished or in an adamuses himself and astonishes spectators all this warm weather, and his pants are vanced stage of construction. IIn every by walking back and forth on a red hot patched behind-I saw them," said How- State and Territory we find the people bar of iron, with bare feet, until it cools, and Colby, with a very complacent look busily engaged in the important work of laying the foundations of future railroads, "I tell you what, boys," said Will Brown, some of local and others of national im-"let's look to-morrow, and see what the portance. The number of these enter-"DUTCH ANDY," is a Philadelphia old fellow does bring anyway. You know prises now under way is not far from 300. son and Fanny Champion were married, and lived happily ever aftewards—Once a fear my arm must be broken. It was very fear my arm my a and friends. The wife of the King of Bur- took fire, and the old man would not leave his basket, and then be in season for roll- in the course of construction. Maine has physicians of poisoning her; she re- to take with him. He was found almost The boys agreed to this, but Ned Col- sachusetts, 5; Rhode Island, 5; Connectiquested their execution, which was suffocated, clasping the old trunk with both lins, who had sat quietly eating his din- cut, 7; New York, 11; New Jersey, 7; arms, and dragged out just in time to save ner, and taking no part in the conversa- Pennsylvania, 32; Delaware, 5; Marytion. Now he simply remarked, as he land, 7; West Virginia, 1 (the Chesepeake brushed the crumbs from his lap, "I can't & Ohio) and probably others; Ohio, 12; THE number of immigrants passing brushed the crumbs from his lap, "I can't & Ohio) and probably others; Ohio, 12; through Columbus, Ohio, during 1869, see what fun there will be in that, and it Indiana, 12; Illinois, 12; Michigan, 13; looks real mean and sneaking to me. I'm Wisconsin, 5; Minnesota, 7; Iowa, 13; sure it is none of our business what Joe | Missouri, 12; Nobraska, 3; Kansas, 9; Arthe previous year. Six thousand seven brings for dinner, or where he goes to kansas, 3: Texas, 4: Louisiana, 4: Missishundred proposed to settle in Illinois; brings for dinner, or where he got hundred proposed to settle in Illinois; eat it."

6,274 in Missouri; 4,356 in Wisconsin; "You're always such a granny, Ned Atlantic States at least 20 great works are reported in various stages of proly. "You've got every one of your old gress-some lately undertaken, and others in a forward state of com-Ned could not bear to be laughed at, and pletion. Many of these roads are hunit made him a little angry to hear his kind | dreds of miles in length, tapping richly old aunt sneered at, but his eyes only fertile and hitherto undeveloped agricul flashed for a minute, and then he sprang tural districts and drawing within the four families. The average number of families in such houses is from seven to ball!" and in five minutes the whole industries sections before inaccessible, It contained George and his brother-in- of retaining the poison. The porous walls eight, and the average number in each frolic lions annually to the material wealth of The next morning, at the first stroke of the nation. A very moderate estimate the bell, a half dozen roguish faces peeped | gives the aggregate length of the roads into the school-room, and, sure-enough, now in progress at not less than 15,000

quirements of the country; and that

We do not consider this fear well grounded, however. The purchase of govern "See here," said Howard, "let's throw ment bonds for the sinking fund is conages amount to two hundred years, who it away and fill the basket with coal and stantly throwing large sums of money on inducements offered by the railroad combearing bonds, is attracting a considerable share of this unemployed capital. tive competition among the agents of rival enterprises has led, in some instances, to unwarranted statements and extravagant promises concerning the prospective business and earnings of certain roads now in contemplation or already building; but the purchaser finds his best of the agent, as no house of good standing would lend its name and influence in support of any false or exaggerated statement made in the name of the company whose bonds it is negotiating.

> To those who have carefully and intelli gently studied the progress of railroad construction during the past five years, it is evident that our capitalists are fully impressed with the necessity for building better and more substantial roads than were formerly deemed necessary. The foolish policy adopted in former years, of using only the cheapest materials and performing the work of construction in a hasty and imperfect manner and at the smallest possible cost, has led to evils which have gradually, but surely, worked out their own cure. Steel rails are now being manufactured at home and imported from abroad in large quantities, and are "I should think he'd suspect something," rapidly superseding iron rails, notwithstanding their greater cost; improved joints of various paterns, nearly all possessing merits peculiar to themselves, are replacing the cld-fashioned chairs, which afford but little security against breakage, and a marked improvement is noticeable in the quality of the rolling stock with which all of the new and many of the old roads are equipped. The accommodations now offered for passenger travel on our principal through roads to the west are of the most superior order; and instead of the hard riding and uncomfortable cars formerly employed, we have coaches fitted up in a style of unrivalled elegance, and provided with every convenience essenial to the comfort of the traveling public. All these are gratifying evidences of the substantial progress of the nation toward a higher and more perfect civilization, and in 'hem we also find a bright promise for th, uture of the railroad interests of the country .- American Railroad Journal.

Freddie Wilson, one of the smallest boys, foots up \$40,684,000.